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INDISTINGUISHABLE DIFFERENCES
FROM COMPARATIVE DATA
MATRICES
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Examiner Zhou:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The shortened statutory period for reply will expire on June 19, 2008. Thus, this response is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any further extensions of time are needed for timely

acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: